

Raids Wreck One-Third Of Capital

WAR PERIL CASES PAIR IN BULGARIA

Sole Survivor

Saved By Hiding Under Submarine

From Alan Humphreys, *Reuter's Special Correspondent*

New Delhi, Saturday.

THE sole survivor of a boatload of torpedoed men, murdered in cold blood by a Japanese submarine commander, has just been rescued.

He tells a story of a remarkable escape.

He was one of the crew of a British ship torpedoed by the submarine.

MACHINE-GUNNED

The lifeboat in which

six other members of the crew, including the captain, were

pulling away was halted, and the Japanese commander

ordered the captain on board.

Then the six defenseless men

in the lifeboat were machine-gunned. The ship's engineer,

alone on a raft, was picked off cold-bloodedly.

This one man escaped by diving

under the submarine the moment

the machine-gun opened fire, and

hiding behind it. When the

firm firing ceased he dived beneath it

again and hauled himself back

into the boat.

He found all his companions

dead.

Twenty-four hours later the

boat was spotted by a Catalina

flying boat which directed a ship

to the rescue.

Wily Jap

Missed This

Fast One

"It's all my eye and Betty

Martin."

The postscript to a postcard told Mrs.

Toms, of Parkhill-rd., Ewell,

everything.

But the Japanese censor who

passed it when it was sent by

her husband, a prisoner in

Burma, didn't savvy.

The postscript followed a

stereotyped image of camp

conditions obligingly printed

by his Japanese censor.

ADVERTISERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministry of Food's "National Milk-Cocoa Scheme" extended

EXTRA COCOA FOR YOUNG WORKERS

THERE is good news—food news—to-day for young workers and for the Nation, which values their sturdy health and needs their strength. The Ministry of Food's National Milk-Cocoa scheme is now available through their employers to all workers under eighteen in factories, agriculture, shops and offices where a hot drink can be served, and to under-eighteens in recognised youth organisations, holding youth certificates, holding rationing licences. There's a man's strength in this daily cup of National Milk-Cocoa—an extra special ration of nourishment.

If you are an Employer or are in charge of a youth organisation

The Ministry of Food asks you to make a special effort to provide National Milk-Cocoa every day for the young workers in your employment or charge, and explain to them the advantages of this drink. A maximum charge of 1d. a cup is allowed though many firms are serving National Milk-Cocoa free of charge.

FOODFACTS

THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, LONDON, W.1. FOOD FACTS No. 163

FOR SALE—3 MOUSETRAPS

"They've bought three mousetraps. I'm out of the London Guard next!"

"Three mousetraps are getting worse. I've a rat ladder under since they've bought three."

"TIBS are available in the new food or drink from all chemists and grocers. 12 for 10p or 18 for 20p."

TIBS

100 PUPPIES IN EVERY PACKET

A brand of Bob Marley Ltd., London.

FEAR of invasion and of Allied air raids has caused

a panic in Bulgaria.

German planes are pouring into the country to plan its

defence, and civilians are fleeing in thousands from Sofia,

a third of which is reported

to be already in ruins.

Confusion reigns all over the country," said Grant Parr,

American radio commentator, in a broadcast from Ankara yesterday.

"Food and water are different than anywhere in the

vicinity of Sofia, the capital. The situation is fraught with

the greatest possibilities, but it would be a mistake to expect too much."

Most of the 300,000 citizens are

being evacuated at top speed. They are "strap-hanging"

or clinging to every inch of space in the evacuation trains leaving

the city.

The German News Agency announced yesterday that a curfew

has been imposed in the city and the death penalty decreed for

looting.

Other steps said to have been taken by the authorities include

Church bells to peal raid warnings instead of sirens, now out of

action, a partial moratorium for Sofia during the next fortnight;

Others are being taken to help to the evacuation; and all

luggage dropped until after January 1.

Sofia Radio was heard in the city immediately, and perfect

broadcasting Government instructions to the capital within 24 hours.

Immediate requisitioning of all motor vehicles was also announced.

Employees of the National Bank were instructed to return to their

offices immediately, and perfect

throughout the country were

ordered to mobilise tanks and send them to the capital.

PORTIFYING COUNTRY

The Germans have fortified

certain of the tributaries of the

expectation of an Allied attack.

Others are taking practically everything out of the country that

they can get their hands on.

Cattle have been driven away from the border.

And the Bulgarians, and the poor

are suffering.

The Bulgarians are compelled to sell goods to Germany on

credit or accept goods such as

clothes and harmonicas.

According to one traveller, the

Bulgarian Government is almost

completely paralysed.

The Germans press the

button, members of the Govern-

ment answer like bell boys," he

said. (Reuter and B.P.P.)

TOTAL WAR CASUALTIES OF AMERICA

Washington, Saturday.

A SNOWED-out casualty of the U.S. armed forces

since the outbreak of the war

is the Office of War

Information reported today.

This total, combining the latest

available War and Navy Department reports, includes:

WOUNDED, 45,585;

MISSING, 32,478;

DEAD, 13,849.

Of these, 1,619 have died in

prison camps, mostly in Japanese

occupied territory.

The Navy Department Report

of January 14 lists 14,800

casualties whose next-of-kin have

been notified following 34,920

deaths. The War Department

has reported 4,111 missing, and 4,292

wounded, of war.

2 U.S. SOLDIERS:

MURDER TRIAL

Two coloured American soldiers,

George E. Fowler, who appeal

before a U.S. court martial in East

London, for the murder of Harry Claude

Scott, a crippled Rochester taxi-driver,

and a white American soldier, were

sentenced to hang.

SENDING MORE PLANES

The Marshalls have been reinforced

since the loss of Tarawa and Makin

and the Japanese continue to

send reinforcements from Japan

to the islands," said Gen. Hale.

The Japanese are no longer

defending heavily neutralised

areas with fighter planes, but

AFTER THE BRUNSWICK BATTLE



Sergeant Fred Croncy, of 110th, Essex, bomb-aimer of the Lancaster "O for Oboe," reports to the interrogation officer after the raid.

Four-Power Talks Move

MOSCOW AND THE POLISH PLAN

BY A DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

ALTHOUGH the situation between Poland and Russia

is now more encouraging than at any time since

relations between the two countries were severed,

there is no tendency in London to minimise the difficulties

which divide the two countries.

The Polish Government's proposal

to be held at all costs the four-

Power talks, in which Russia, Poland, Britain and the U.S.

would take part, has been sent

from London to Moscow and is

now being considered by the Kremlin.

The Soviet Government's frequent

reiteration that it stands for

the Polish Government's proposal, coupled with the offer of a Russo-

Polish alliance of mutual assistance against Germany, suggests

that the proposal for direct negotiations may be considered in

Moscow.

The "outstanding matter," the most urgent is that

relating to the activities of the Polish underground movement.

The most complex is the

underground movement are not to impede the Russian advance,

but not to collaborate with the

movement between the two States

is required.

But so rapid is the Red Army

progress that Polish guerrillas

could be of immediate service to the Red Army and the cause of

all United Nations by working hand-in-hand with the advancing

Russians.

Vichy Finds New

Retreat Formula

Vichy Radio has adopted a

new formula for admitting

German retreats on the

Russian front. Yesterday the

announcer said: "In face of

stiffening German resistance the

Red Army has not succeeded in making appreciable

advances except in the following

sectors—

West and south-east of Novgorod-Volynsk.

West of Rostov.

West of Kirovograd.

West of Zhitomir.

North-east of Vitebsk."

This covers almost every main

sector of the 800-mile front—

Reuter.

BOMBS WRECK TWO JAP BASES

powerful Central Pacific sea and

air bases, covering their great

battle fleet anchorage at Truk,

1,000 miles to the west in the

Caroline Islands.

They have been repeatedly

raided by Allied aircraft, were the

U.S. landings on the Gilberts

several weeks ago—Reuter.

● Italians are murmuring because guilty men are not brought to book, says Count Storza.

● Differences between Badoglio Government and the people can't be overcome by bargaining.

'No Compromise With King Of Italy'

Marshal Tito Turns The Tide

From CECIL SPRIGGE, *Southey Italy*

TWO towns 65 miles west of Belgrade, Hjelina and Janja,

have been taken by Marshal Tito after surprise

attacks launched by his 16th Division.

Other Partisan units have

driven the Germans from the

Serbian town of Ivanica, birth-

place of Jugoslavia's first

Prime Minister, according to

Belgrade Partisan reports.

Units of the Second Division

battled fiercely for 48 hours before

capturing Ivanica, which lies

south of the town of Cacak, where

Caplanovic was born.

These attacks were apparently

carried out to relieve heavy

pressure against Tito's forces in

Central Bosnia, where the Ger-

man offensive had engulfed the

towns of Banja and Gornjak.

Just when it seemed that the

German offensive would sweep

everything before it, Tito's

forces in the region, between

Central Bosnia, Serbia and

Slovenia.

Each by inch the Partisans are

reported to be moving forward in

the vicinity of Plume and in

the Slavonia region, where

strong German forces were held

—B.U.P.

Says Big Part Of Russian Success Is Due To Us

M. SCHUMACHER, chief

editor of the Zurich

Times, writes in the

paper's editorial today that

rejoices the opinion of those

attributing the German reverses

of 1941 only to the Russian

army.

He stresses the Anglo-American

victories in Africa and Italy as

well as their enormous impact

on the Russian front, which

with "extreme sacrifice of

tonnage and men" has

enabled the Russian army to

commence their victorious

advance.

An equally important factor,"

he says, "was the successful

British and American raids on